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## **FREE WORKSHOP & SOFTWARE FOR AGRICULTURAL GROWERS** *New Software Will Help Farmers Comply with Regulations*

County Agricultural Commissioner Kathleen Thuner will host a workshop to introduce a new, free software tool for farmers to help them comply with the many regulations of operating an agricultural enterprise.

The workshop, entitled "Agricultural Relations: Learn to Manage Them Instead of Letting Them Manage You", will be held on Sept. 8 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido.

The new Excel<sup>™</sup>-based software, called AgComplyIT, allows growers to privately identify state and federal regulations that may apply to their particular agricultural enterprise, and helps them develop a unified plan to comply with the regulations. The software will be distributed on CD free of charge to agricultural producers attending the workshop.

The workshop's invited participants include: the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Air Pollution Control District, the Agricultural Labor Board, CalOSHA Consulting, San Diego County Department of Environmental Health, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Fish and Game, North County Health Services, U.C. Cooperative Extension Service, Army Corp of Engineers, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

The workshop is part of a statewide network of workshops that will be presented simultaneously throughout California in at least 20 locations. The Escondido workshop is supported by the North County Small Business Center at Mira Costa College. Reservations for the workshop are requested, but not required. Contact Paul Davy at (858) 694-3122, Karen Melvin at (858) 694-2382, or e-mail [sdawm@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:sdawm@sdcounty.ca.gov) for reservations.

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